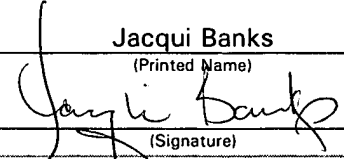


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The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/222,754, filed August 16, 2002, entitled, "Ice Cream Machine Having an Auxiliary Evaporator Tank", which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/871,769 filed June 1, 2001 entitled, "Ice Cream Machine Including a Baffled Evaporator", which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/639,062 filed August 15, 2000 entitled, "Batch Process and Apparatus Optimized to Efficiently and Evenly Freeze Ice Cream",

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